

B-3374 - B-3382
1001-1039 Light St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1837-1854

A large portion of the east side of the 1000 block of Light St. was originally improved with a row of two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses built by John S. Gittings and others in the late 1830's and early 1840's. Of these houses only 1003 and 1005 Light St. survive in their original exterior form, with 1027-1029 Light St. retaining their original two story height, but minus their original dormer windows. 1001 and 1025 Light St. are now three story, three bay wide brick commercial/residential structures with shed roofs and bracketed cornices; 1007 and 1009 Light St. are three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. A number of the early houses on this block have been replaced by modern, one story high commercial structures. The southern portion of the block was originally improved with a row of three story, gable-roofed houses in the early 1850's, of which only 1031 Light St. survives in its original form. 1033 and 1037-1039 Light St. have had their gable roofs rebuilt as shed roofs with bracketed cornices added. The first floor areas of all of these later houses have been converted to modern storefronts.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1037-1039 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #:

Folio #:

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Baltimore

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice represent either enlargements of the original three story, gable-roofed houses built on this site in the 1850's, and which formed part of a row of such houses extending along this side of Light St. 1037 Light St. is three bays wide, 1039 Light St. is two bays wide, The first floor areas of both houses have been converted into store-fronts and the facade of 1039 Light has been stuccoed.

The houses are three stories in height, 1037 Light is 16' wide, 1039 Light is 15' wide, 1037 Light occupies a lot 133 1/2' deep, and 1039 Light occupies a lot 93 1/2' deep. Each house has a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a rear addition. At 1037 Light there is a three story high, five bay deep rear addition, followed by a one story high, one bay deep section; at 1039 Light there is a two story high, four bay deep rear addition. The houses are constructed in common bond but the facade of 1039 Light has been stuccoed. The shed roof is capped by a continuous wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding decorated with a row of cut-work scallops, set above panels decorated with scroll-sawed motifs and framed by small modillions. The panels are set above a row of quarter-round carvings, followed by a row of cut-work scallops and a plain frieze area. Six grooved brackets support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip decorated with quarter-round carvings. The brick frieze area thus formed is punctuated by five scroll-sawed ventilating panels. 1039 Light St. has a double hooded chimney located along the south side of the center section of the roof and 1037 Light has a rear end chimney located at the east end of the rear addition.

The second and third floor windows of 1039 Light, and the third floor windows of 1037 Light have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The sills are wood. The second story windows of 1037 Light have been replaced by a wide modern window consisting of two wide panels set beneath a multi-light transom and flanked by two side windows filled with 1/1 double hung sash. All of the other window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor areas of both houses have been converted into store-fronts. At 1037 Light St. a glass and aluminum door is located in the northernmost bay, flanked by a two-sided plate glass window set on a wood siding base. A deep sign area constructed of wood siding extends across the entire width of the store-front. At 1039 Light St. the centrally located, recessed glass and aluminum door set beneath a single light transom, is flanked by two three-sided plate glass shop windows set on stone bases. A deep aluminum siding sign area extends across the entire width of the store-front. Both entrances are reached directly from the sidewalk.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1854-55

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William H. Harman

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 1031-1033 Light St.

This pair of houses was originally built as three story, gable-roofed houses by William H. Harman, a local house carpenter whose shop was located on Abey Alley behind these houses and who lived at the north-west corner of William St. and Warren Ave.¹ The first owner-occupant of 1037 Light St. was a John S. Mitchell, a trader or huckster, who lived there from 1854 to 1856 and then moved next door to 1039 Light St. where he lived in 1857-59 (Mitchell later moved to 1027 Light St.).² 1037 Light St. was next occupied by Capt. Zebedee Kirwin, who lived there in the late 1850's, and after the War, by Robert Travers, the captain of a steamboat, who had previously lived next door at 1039 Light St. after Mitchell's occupancy.³

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber ED 72, Folio 21; Baltimore City Directory, 1856-57

²Ibid., Liber ED 72, Folio 24; ED 117, Folio 80; B.C.D., 1856-57, 1858-59, 1867

³Ibid., Liber ED 105, Folio 142; AM 308, Folio 13; GES 221, Folio 22; B.C.D., 1858-9, 1864, 1867

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 16' x 133'8" (1037); 15' x 93'6" (1039)**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland 21204

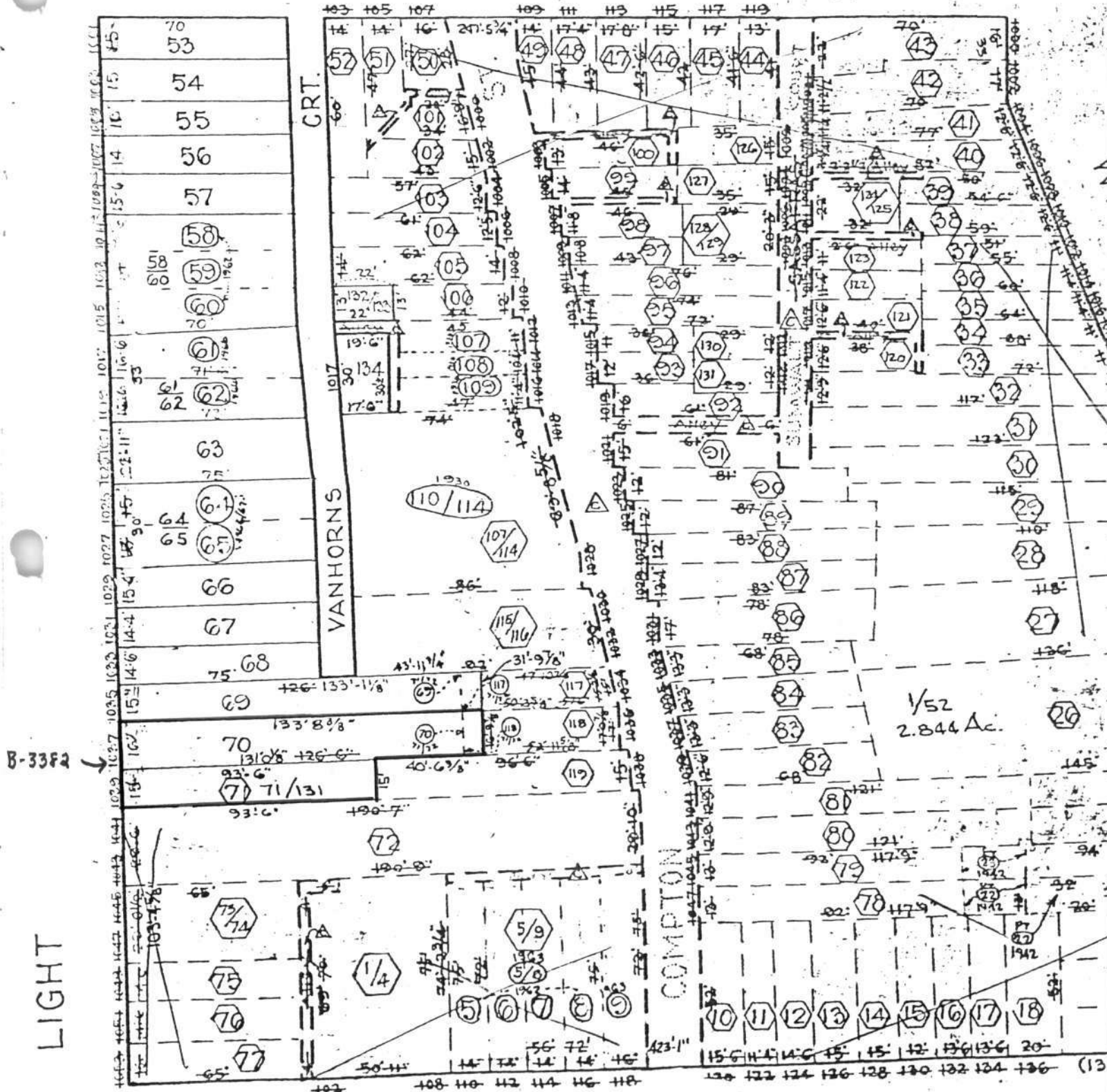
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-M.E.H.

West elevation